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1. EYTAN RONN, POLITICAL ADVISOR TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, HAS TOLD US THAT THE DRAFT ARAB RESOLUTION (REFTEL C) HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND STUDIED BY THE MFA. HE CHARACTERIZED THE RESOLUTION AS "EXTREMELY ROUGHT." THE MFA NOTES THAT THE RESOLUTION CALLS FOR THE APPLICATION OF ARTICLE VII SANCTIONS, ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT SPECIFY ANY DATE FOR THOSE SANCTIONS, IF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE IS NOT RECEIVED BY ISRAEL.

2. THE MFA HAS CABLE AMBASSADOR MERON AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO. IF THE RESOLUTION CAN BE MODIFIED, MERON IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE WHA SAYING: IF THE ASSEMBLY CAN OFFER ITS
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ASSURANCES THAT THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE COULD BE CARRIED OUT IN A POSITIVE WAY, HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO CONSIDER POSITIVELY A VISIT BY THE COMMITTEE. WHILE A CERTAIN DELAY MUST BE EXPECTED, HE CAN ASSURE THE WHA THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR THE VISIT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE NEW ISRAELI CABINET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ISRAEL HOPES THAT THE

ASSEMBLY WILL BE AWARE THAT A POLITICALLY MOTIVATED MEASURE CAN ONLY HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT.

3. MERON'S INSTRUCTIONS WILL AUTHORIZE HIM TO MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT ONLY AFTER MODIFICATION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION. (ISRAELI PREFERENCE REMAINS THAT A NEW RESOLUTION SIMPLY REFER TO LAST YEAR'S VISIT AND CALL UPON ISRAEL TO RECEIVE THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE URGENTLY.) RONN SAID THE MODIFICATIONS MUST INCLUDE, AT THE LEAST, THE DELETION OF ANY REFERENCE TO ARTICLE VII SANCTIONS AND OF THE REFERENCE TO PALESTINE IN PARA 9 OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION. THE LATTER'S WORDING IS UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE THE ARABS CLEARLY INTEND TO INCLUDE THE STATE OF ISRAEL UNDER THE TERM "PALESTINE." THE PRESENT WORDING OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD MAKE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR THE NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT A VISIT BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE BUT MERON IS TO STRESS THAT IF A RESOLUTION CAN BE DRAFTED WHICH IS NOT SO POLITICAL IN NATURE, THE GOI IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER IT POSITIVELY.
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